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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2309

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TAGS: PFOR, SU
SUBJ: MININFO CLAIMS SUDANESE MEDIA ENCOURAGED REMAIN
RESPONSIBLE

REF: KHARTOUM 2307

1. AFTER DISCUSSION "RELEASE" TWO PALESTINIANS (SEPTEL) I
TOLD ACTING FONMIN AND MININFO MUSA I AGAIN WISHED REMIND
HIM NEED OFFICIALLY-CONTROLLED MEDIA ACT RESPONSIBLY IN ORDER
AVOID EXACERBATING LOCAL ATTITUDES IN CURRENT CRISIS. SOME
RECENT BROADCASTS OVER GOVT-OWNED RADIO OMDURMAN HAD EXEEEDED
BOUNDS FACTUAL CRITICISM AND HAD INCLUDED BASELESS CHARGES RE
USG POLICIES AND ACTIONS. I THEN SHOWED HIM TRANSCRIPT 12-
MINUTE COMMENTARY 1315 GMT OCT 16 WHICH HAD EVEN CLAIMED USG
"OPENING DOORS OF SUPPORT TO ISRAEL WITHOUT LIMIT AND CALLING
ON OTHERS TO DO SAME". THIS TYPE OF THING PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE,
I NOTED, AT TIME TOP LEVEL USG IN FACT BENDING EVERY EFFORT WORK
TOWARDS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD BE FAIR
BOTH SIDES. EXPRESSING PERSONAL HOPE THIS EFFORT WOULD
SOON SUCCEED, I SAID WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PUBLIC IMAGE
GIVEN OF SUDAN DURING CRISIS SUCH THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC
ATTITUDES ADVERSELY INFLUENCED AFTER SMOKE CLEARED. FOR EXAMPLE,
WOULD BE REGRETTABLE WERE SUDANESE IMAGE TO SUFFER IN EYES
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AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR INTERESTED ASSISTING SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT,

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EVEN AFTER FIGHTING CEASED, AS RESULT SUCH HYPERBOLIC OUTPUT.

2. MUSA CLAIMED RADIO OMDURMAN LESS BAD THAN OTHER
ARAB OUTPUT BUT ALSO SAID HE COULD GIVE DIRECTIVES TO PRESS
BUT CONTROLLING MAN IN FRONT OF MICROPHONE MORE DIFFICULT.
I SAID THIS WAS, OF COURSE, HIS PROVINCE BUT I HOPED ANY
GOS CRITICISM OF USG WOULD CONTINUE BE RESPONSIBLE.
CMUSA ASSERTED DIRECTIVE THIS ENSE HAD BEEN ISSUED AND
THAT HE WOULD CHECK RE OFFENDING BROADCAST.

3. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DISCUSSION HAS MUCH
PRACTICAL EFFECT, MUSA DID GET POINT WE WATCHING MEDIA
OUTPUT CLOSELY AND WILL NOT LET PASS UNACCEPTABLE COMMENTARY
BY OFFICIAL RADIO FRIENDLY ARAB GOVT IN CURRENT CRISIS.
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